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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S LETTER TO CINCUNC ON DMZ INCIDENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER WHICH GENERAL STILWELL RECEIVED
AUGUST 19 FROM FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN:

BEGIN QUOTE:

1. I HASTEN TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY OVER
THE MOST TRAGIC INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AT PAN-
MUNJOM DUE TO THE PREMEDITATED PROVOCATION BY
COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA.

2. I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED AT THE SAD NEWS OF BRUTAL MURDER
OF SOME MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
WHO ENGAGED IN A PEACEFUL WORK AT THE JOINT SECURITY AREA,
PANMUNJOM, AND CANNOT HELP BUT EXPRESS OUR OWN
INDIGNATION AGAINST THE INHUMAN ACT OF THE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS
AND THEIR SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

3. THE CALCULATED HOSTILE ACT BY NORTH KOREA APPEARS TO ME
LINKED TO ITS RECENT FAILURE AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT CONFERENCE
ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ITS SCHEME TO PORTRAY THE

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A WAR ON NORTH KOREA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE INCIDENT SEEMS ALSO LINKED TO THE NORTH KOREAN STRATEGY AT THE FORTHCOMING 31ST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN QUESTION.

4. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE UGLY SCHEME OF THE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNISTS CANNOT SUCCEED. TO THE CONTRARY, THEY WILL ONLY IMPRESS THE WORLD ON THEIR NAKED AGGRESSIVENESS AGAINST PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. FURTHERMORE, THEIR DESPERATE ACTS TO HEIGHTEN TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA CALL FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE ON OUR PART AGAINST THE SINISTER MANEUVERS OF NORTH KOREA IN THE FUTURE.

5. ONCE AGAIN I EXTEND MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

6. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY
YOURS, PAK TONG-CHIN. END QUOTE.
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